



## **Major General Eric T. Olson**

Major General Eric T. Olson was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1972. His first duty assignment was in the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) where he served as a platoon leader, company executive officer, assistant S3, and company commander. In 1979, he graduated from The John Hopkins School of Advanced International Affairs with subsequent assignment to The United States Military Academy as an instructor and assistant professor in the Department of Social Sciences. Major General Olson commanded the 2nd Battalion, 18th Infantry (Mechanized) of the 197th Separate Infantry Brigade and served as the Task Force Commander during Operation Desert Storm. His brigade command was the 3d (Grey Wolf) Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division in Fort Hood, Texas. He served as the Assistant Division Commander (Support) for the 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized) in Wuerzburg, Germany.

Staff assignments include the Executive Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander-Europe in the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Belgium. He served as the Battalion Executive Officer of the 5th Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division (Mechanized) in Mainz, Germany and later served as the S3 of the 1st Brigade, 8th Infantry Division. He served as the Infantry School's Chief of Course Development and was later reassigned there as the Chief of Tactics. Major General Olson was assigned to the Department of the Army Staff in the War Plans Division and later served as the Chief of the Strategy, Policy, and Doctrine Division. Most recently, Major General Olson served as the 67th Commandant of Cadets of the United States Corps of Cadets.

Major General Olson's military education includes Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, United States Army Command and General Staff College, and a Senior Service College Fellowship at the Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. During that fellowship, he was assigned to Headquarters, 10th Mountain Division and served a tour in Somalia. He earned a Master of Arts Degree in International Relations from John Hopkins University.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters and V Device) and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge and has earned the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger Tab and the Parachutist Badge.